

Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes

Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 4 PM – 6 PM

Room 333 Minneapolis City Hall

Members Present: John Barobs, Dan Boody, Jennifer Bordon, Tony Drollinger, Wes Durham, Matthew Dyrdaahl, Steve Elmer, Paul Frenz, Robin Garwood, Janice Gepner, Heather Gillich, Matthew Hendricks, Liz Johnston, Chris Linde, Nick Mason, Dan Miller, Elissa Schufman, Aaron Shaffer, Emily Smoak, Sarah Stewart, Georgianna Yantos

Members Absent: Richard Anderson, Mackenzie Turner Borgen (excused), Joshua Houdek (excused), Jordan Kocak, Jaime Makepeace, Tyler Pederson, Greg Sautter, Anthony Taylor

Others Present: Abdullahi Abdulle, Millicent Flowers, Alexander Kado, Nathan Koster, Nick Ray Olson, Emily Wade

Actions

1. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee requests a BAC seat on the **Park Board CAC** for the **Upper Harbor Terminal** project.
2. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee requests that City staff provide more detail to the BAC on the alignment for the proposed parkway along the **Upper Harbor Terminal** as soon as possible.
3. The Minneapolis Bicycle Advisory Committee supports **Nice Ride Minnesota's** proposed amendment to the **Parking Zone Master Plan** in managing its new "lock-to" approach for the 2020 bicycle fleet. We appreciate the more intuitive lock/unlock user experience and the additional planning to rebalance bikes locked to public racks, as well as the intentional coordination with Saint Paul in the planning process.

In the future, we hope to see investments in permanent bike rack infrastructure by Nice Ride and Lyft that will reflect a longer-term commitment to improving bike parking access in Minneapolis, rather than the temporary lightweight rack infrastructure proposed for 2020.

Summaries of Discussions

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm and was chaired by Nick Mason. The October Minutes were corrected and unanimously approved.

1. We said good-bye and thanks to long-serving BAC member, Sarah Stewart.

2. Upper Harbor Terminal/Dowling Avenue North presented by Nathan Koster – **ACTIONS**

- Upper Harbor Terminal is a 50-acre site adjacent to the Mississippi River between Lowry and Dowling Ave.
- Coordinating with Dowling Ave N project which is in city's 5 year CIP.
- Nathan and Alexander Kato are heading the project for Public Works.
- City has \$15 million in state bonds starting in 2022; \$9 million for public infrastructure and \$6 million for the Park Board.
- Project includes complete reconstruction of Dowling to begin soon.
- Lots of challenges: I-94 is a barrier, old shipping harbor infrastructure, 100 year old storm pipes, uncomfortable area with limited connectivity to neighborhood, lots of truck traffic, active railroad crossings, need to relocate major Xcel transmission lines, grade separation
- Priorities: strong connection to neighborhood, new right of way, coordinate with major development, reduce conflicts between transportation modes, improve public transit access.
- There's great potential to transform the area.
- They are working with the Park Board to design a new parkway with continuous access to downtown.
- They are working with Metro Transit to design streets that support transit.
- Dowling Avenue is on Vision Zero high injury network.
- Project is at 0% and they are looking at public infrastructure first.
- They plan to return to the BAC in February or March with some concepts.
- There was discussion on the proposed parkway alignment and how close it should be to the river.
- There is a Park Board CAC discussing alignment and Robin suggested that the BAC should be part of it.
- Parkway would be a "standard Park Board parkway" with one travel lane in each direction, limited if any parking, and off street bike and ped trails.
- Nathan suggested we have the Park Board talk to us about their plans for this area.
- There is an Above the Falls CAC and Georgianna Y is a member.
- Emily W brought up the currently dangerous intersection of Washington and 2nd Ave just before Dowling and suggested signaling changes.
- Robin presented two motions: one for the BAC to be on the Park Board CAC and a second asking for more information on the parkway alignment.
- Both motions passed unanimously with abstentions from Matthew H.

3. 2020-2024 CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) Review presented by Abdullahi Abdulle

- This is the first of 3 presentation on the CIP to the BAC
 - this one summarizes the current 2020-2024 CIP
 - In January, 2020, he will share a draft of the new 2021-2025 CIP
 - In March, April, 2020, we'll see the final 2021-2025 CIP.
- Current CIP included \$238 million for city construction of which \$126 million included some bike facility.

- \$4.3 million was allotted for independent bike and ped projects.
- He reviewed bike/ped projects in the current CIP including the following: Defective Hazardous Sidewalks, Sidewalk Gap Program, Protected Bikeways, Safe Routes to Schools, Pedestrian Safety Program, Midtown Greenway Resurfacing, Queen Ave N Bike Blvd, 18th Ave NE Trail Gap, Bridge 9 Rehabilitation.
- BAC Recommendations for the next CIP should be ready in January.

4. **LIMS and BAC Website Changes** presented by Millicent Flowers

- In 2020, the City will use a new system for the its website: Legislative Information Management System (LIMS) which will have uniform formats.
- BAC Meeting Agendas will have a fixed format.
- After the meeting, the Agenda will be revised to include Actions.
- There was discussion on how our Minutes, including old Minutes, could be made available on the site.
- The official email address for the BAC will be: BAC@Minneapolismn.gov.

5. **Open Streets Minneapolis Discussion** presented by Matthew Dyrdaahl & Nick Ray Olson

- Matthew D said his role is just to aid in the overall process for Open Streets, providing help as needed.
- Our Streets delivers the events, with the current agreement going through 2020.
- As Our Streets looks ahead to a new contract after next year, they want to learn about their strengths and challenges.
- Nick Ray distributed a survey for BAC members to complete.
- Survey will be available online in a week or so.
- Survey questions included the following:
 - how to balance routes between repeats vs. new ones
 - the types of streets that should be prioritized
 - location and amount of programming
 - time of day for the events
- Matthew H suggested consideration of routes that form a loop.

6. **5E Subcommittee Report: Nice Ride Update** presented by Elissa Schufman – **ACTION**

- Nice Ride presented the parking zone Master Plan changes being proposed.
- Improvements include a better locking and unlocking experience and a mobile fob which will work on all bikes.
- The revised parking plan, which was most of the discussion, includes:
 - all Nice Ride bikes can be locked at one of 200 classic stations
 - Two hundred 200-lb bike racks (from Dero) will be placed in locations where there is tape now.
 - ebikes can be parked at these racks or any public rack for a \$1 fee.
 - Parking fees waived at the U of M.
 - They expect 80% of ebikes will be parked on their racks (vs public racks).

- Additional charge for ebikes: 10 cents/min for all users (except maybe 5 cents/min for Nice Ride for All members).
- Nice Ride for All will still be \$5/year.
- Contract with St Paul still under discussion.
- Elissa presented a motion to support the parking revisions with suggestions on longer term solutions.
- Matthew H expressed concern that the price increase might discourage use.
- Nick M said ebikes are used more frequently and price increase would help with increased costs.
- The motion passed unanimously.

7. Announcements

- Steve E: There are openings on the Met Council's Transportation Advisory Board. He will email more info and deadline is Jan 3.
- Emily W: live update: a bicyclist was just killed by a construction vehicle at Linden & 12th.
- Aaron S: The Midtown Greenway project was extended, so the detour will remain longer. The detour onto 28th is extremely dangerous because it's hard to see bikes going the wrong way on a one-way street after dark. He suggested taking the detour to 26th. How to make detour safer?
- Heather G: Health Dept will have 2 open positions related to bike and pedestrian community engagement.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Janice Gepner